

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/14406

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.⁷ A46B13/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 2001-276097 A (Satoshi INADA), 09 October, 2001 (09.10.01), Full text; Figs. 1 to 6 (Family: none)	1-14
A	US 5862558 A (BRAUN AG.), 26 January, 1999 (26.01.99), Full text; Figs. 1 to 8 & DE 4438732 A & WO 96/13224 A1 & JP 10-507671 A Full text; Figs. 1 to 8	1-14

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A	US 6349442 B1 (ADVANCED PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGIES, Inc.), 26 February, 2002 (26.02.02), Full text; Figs. 1 to 6 & WO 00/78244 A1 & JP 2003-502106 A Full text; Figs. 1 to 6	1-14

A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報 1922-1996年
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 日本国登録実用新案公報 1994-2004年

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C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
A	JP 2001-276097 A (稲田聰) 2001. 10. 09, 全文, 第1-6図 (ファミリーなし)	1-14
A	US 5862558 A (BRAUN AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) 1999. 01. 26, 全文, 第1-8図 & DE 4438732 A & WO 96/13224 A1 & JP 10-507671 A 全文, 第1-8図	1-14

☒ C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。☐ パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。

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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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